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**SIMPSON COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
ATTEMPTING TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **TED DAVID JAMES**, age 34 of 954 Upper Prices Mill Road, Franklin, Kentucky, in Simpson County, **pled guilty** to an Information filed by the United States Attorney charging him with attempting to manufacture methamphetamine. **James** entered his plea before United States Magistrate Judge E. Robert Goebel.

The Information filed by the United States Attorney alleged that on or about September 6, 2005, in Simpson County, Kentucky, **James** attempted to manufacture methamphetamine. During a search of the defendant's property at 954 Upper Prices Mill Road on that date, officers of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force and the Simpson County Sheriff's Office seized implements and ingredients used to make methamphetamine, including anhydrous ammonia and pseudoephedrine. The materials seized would have resulted in the manufacture of at least 10 grams of methamphetamine, which has a street value of approximately \$100 per gram. Officers also seized a Taurus .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, valued at approximately \$500, and a 2000 Ford pick-up truck valued at approximately \$10,000, both of which are subject to forfeiture.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment and supervised release for at least three years.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force, the Simpson County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

James is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Thomas B. Russell on July 5, 2007 at 12:00 noon, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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